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Newport News Man Receives 10 Year Sentence for Drug Distribution

(**Newport News, VA**) – Linwood Fields, age 35, of Newport News, was sentenced yesterday to 121 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to distributing in excess of 5 grams of cocaine base. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Court Judge Robert G. Doumar.

On three separate occasions in May, 2005, Fields sold cocaine base, or “crack,” from his residence in Newport News. On each occasion, a confidential police informant telephoned Fields, who instructed the informant to meet him at his residence, where the transactions took place. Fields pled guilty to this offense on May 24, 2006.

Fields had been featured in “Four Lives. One Last Chance. A Year in Drug Court” published in the *Daily Press* in December, 2002. According to the article, Fields successfully completed the Newport News Circuit Court’s drug court program.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Newport News Police Department, with the support of the Newport News Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office. Special Assistant United States Attorney Jessica M. Norris and Task Force Agent Richard F. Dawes prosecuted the case for the United States.

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